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Comments: I am writing to express my views on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. The opportunity presented by the Stibnite Gold Project is compelling for many reasons and it is a project I am committed to seeing come to fruition.

As part of the Stibnite Gold Project, Midas Gold will be responsible for mitigation and restoration related to its new mining activities. Mining companies must reclaim the land when their operations are completed and provide state and federal regulators with reclamation bonds to guarantee the work will be properly performed before any mining begins. That means the plans put forward by Midas Gold are not optional. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) released in August thoroughly details the environmental issues hurting the region's environment and ecosystem. I believe Alternative 2 provides the best option for removing and storing hazardous waste that has been putting antimony and arsenic into water for decades. The draft EIS states that solutions from Midas to remove legacy waste and manage water provides long-term reduction in metal loading in ground and surface water. (Ch. 4 Section 4.9)

While the economic benefits of this project cannot be ignored, it also will transform an area in need for environmental repair. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward as outlined in alternative 2 within this 60-day comment period.